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## PWYP Global Council Meeting

6th December 2024, Zoom Webinar

### Attendees

#### **Global Council**

Nora Hasan, NH, Iraq (MENA)

Tengi George-Ikoli, TG, NRGi (Global Reach)

Monday Osasah, MO, Nigeria (Anglophone Africa), Chair

Aida Gamboa, AG, Peru (Latin America)

Maybel Acquaye, MA, Ghana (Anglophone Africa), ASC representative

#### **Secretariat**

Stephanie Rochford, SR, Director of Member Engagement

Joseph Bardwell, JB, Director of Communications and Campaigns

Ketakandriana Rafitoson, KR, Executive Director

### Apologies

Maria Ramos, MR, Oxfam America (Global Reach)

Saswati Swetlena, SS, India (Asia Pacific) & Board liaison

Fuad Hasanov, FH, Azerbaijan (Eurasia)

Georges Mpagu, GM, Gabon (Francophone Africa)

Nyree Woolston, NW, Operations Manager

## MEETING MINUTES

### Actions

No actions

### Welcome, review of agenda and actions

MO welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda, highlighting the purpose of the meeting, to:

- Input into the GC Objectives 2022-2025
- Sharing updates about the Global Assembly
- Sharing updates about the Global strategy, governance and identity consultations

### Global discussions around GC Objectives 2022-2025

- NH emphasised progress on inclusion of women in the MENA region, particularly in Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco and Egypt. There are really high levels of participation by women in all of these coalitions, including on the strategy consultations. Members in the MENA region consistently responded in large numbers to the strategy surveys and focus groups. Where more work is needed by national coalitions is to develop a



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national roadmap that draws on the new global strategy. In terms of communications and campaigns, there has been an expansion of PWYP's presence in the region, including in Morocco where the new PWYP Morocco coalition is leading on campaigns related to climate change and renewable energy.

- TI noted progress on the strategy goal - we are on track to share the proposal with members before the end of the year and there has been strong engagement from members throughout the consultation period. TI noted increasingly strong perspectives from PWYP on community rights, including in the new strategy. NRGI is collaborating with PWYP on a learning series which is open to members in English, French, Arabic and Russian. The most recent learning webinar focused on fossil fuel phase out. The next steps are to think about how to build on that capacity building to begin campaigning. NRGI is also partnering with EITI on transition mineral actions. TI noted that we have not advanced as well on the objectives around diversity and inclusion, although there are more intentional efforts to participate with communities and youth. NRGI used the PWYP gender policy to inform the design of their just energy transition framework and their new strategy. NRGI is also working on the global greenhouse gas emissions component of the EITI Standard, with a view to enhancing data disclosure.
- AG noted advocacy and participation in the climate change and biodiversity COPs by PWYP members in LAC, including on the ESCAZU agreement. There is a campaign in the region led by PWYP on fossil fuel phase out. There is also a campaign on environmental defenders. In terms of inclusion, in Chile, some members met with indigenous people to inform their advocacy asks.
- MO noted that Anglophone Africa members have participated in all the strategy surveys as well as the focus group discussions. These responses informed the final strategy proposal. Some coalitions in the region are focussed on nominating national gender champions. PWYP Nigeria is currently led by a woman, who also represents civil society on the NEITI board. Across the region, various campaigns are being implemented. For example, MO's organisation is supporting a campaign across five countries including in Gambia, where there were conversations about Gambia joining the EITI. NCs of coalitions in the ESA region met in Tanzania in August to review progress and opportunities for collective action. At this meeting, members also gave feedback on a proposal by KR to organise town hall meetings with PWYP's leadership bodies. MO has also been discussing capacity building opportunities with NRGI. MO also thanked the Secretariat for their support.
- KR provided an update on the town hall initiative. The aim of this initiative is to reduce the gap between the leadership of the movement and the members. The first town hall will now take place in June 2025 once the new governance structure has been implemented. KR also thanked the GC for their collaboration.

### **Updates about the GA**

- SR provided an update on the GA including the agenda, venue, travel and visa logistics and communications plans. She thanked MO, TI and NH for their work on the GA strategy sub-committee which is overseeing the Global Assembly plans.

### **Updates about the new strategy, governance and identity consultations**



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- KR thanked the GC for their support in mobilising members to take part in the strategy consultations.
- KR presented the advocacy pathways presented in the strategy proposal as well as the proposed governance structure which would combine the Global Council, Board and ASC into one global board with decision making authority on both resources and policy and strategy.
- KR emphasised the demand from members for their elected leaders to bring expertise to the role.
- KR confirmed that the final proposal will be shared with members via email on 16 December, and members will also have an opportunity to join two global webinars to hear more about the strategy on 17 and 18 December.
- SR clarified that there will be no elections at the Global Assembly. Once the governance proposal is formally adopted, the elections for the single Global Board will be held online by June 2025 (which coincides with the end of the current Global Council's term).
- SR also clarified that under the current rules, no current GC members would be eligible to stand in 2025, as there is a requirement for the gender of each regional representative to change at each election cycle.
- KR updated the GC on the progress in consulting on PWYP's identity and brand. The Secretariat has recruited a specialist agency (called 89Up) to support this work. Part of our criteria in the agency selection was their capacity to work in multiple languages. KR outlined a timeline between now and June, by when we will aim to launch the final version of the strategy and the new identity and branding.
- JB clarified that the consultations on branding include focus groups in January and workshops at the Global Assembly in February. A final proposition will be presented in March/April to the Global Council and Board. Further information on this will be shared following the Global Assembly. The goal is to ensure that the development process is highly inclusive and consultative, like the strategy development has been.

### **AOB and close**

MO thanked everyone for their time. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. The meeting closed at 14:20.